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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL YEAR AND HOLIDAYS

1943 - 1944

PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOL ACTS

The school year shall consist of two terms, the first of which shall begin on the first Tuesday of September following Labour Day and shall end on the 22nd day of December, and the second of which shall begin on the 3rd day of January and end on the 29th day of June.

When the 3rd day of January is a Friday, the schools shall not be opened until the following Monday, and when the 29th day of June or the 22nd day of December is a Monday, the schools shall be closed on the preceding Friday.

Every Saturday, every public holiday, the week following Easter Day, and every day proclaimed a holiday by the authorities of the municipality in which the teacher is engaged and every day upon which a school is closed under the provisions of The Public Health Act, or the regulations of the Department of Education shall be a school holiday.

HOLIDAYS

The following are the holidays in the schools during the school year 1943-44:

(1) Thanksgiving Day.
(2) December 23rd to 31st—part of Christmas vacation.
(3) The first two days in January—part of Christmas vacation.
(4) Easter Holidays—April 7th to April 16th, both days included.
(5) Summer vacation—June 30th to September 4th, both days included.

The Minister suggests that Remembrance Day, Victoria Day and the King's Birthday, although not now statutory holidays, be appropriately observed by suitable exercises in the schools.

DATES OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

The following are the dates of the opening and closing of Secondary and Elementary Schools:

Open	September 7th	Close	December 22nd
Reopen	January 3rd	Close	April 6th
Reopen	April 17th	Close	June 29th

NUMBER OF TEACHING DAYS

In the Secondary and Elementary Schools, the number of teaching days is as follows:

September	18	January	21
October	20	February	21
November	22	March	23
December	16	April	14
		May	23
	76	June	21
			123
		Total	199

The date for Thanksgiving Day has not been announced. In the above computation it has been assumed that it will be celebrated in October. Should this not be the case, the teacher will make the necessary adjustments.

The total number of teaching days for the academic year will be 199 and the teaching days for the calendar year 1943, 197.

NOTE:—Please place this form in your Register.

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MEMORANDUM TO PRINCIPALS

RE OPENING OF SCHOOLS, SEPTEMBER, 1943

The Minister of Education has announced that in accordance with the statutes school will reopen on September 7, 1943. If local conditions in farm work or work in canneries or factories in which food is prepared or preserved seem to demand special consideration and action, school boards may by resolution defer the opening of their schools for not more than two weeks or for a further period if authority for this further period is obtained upon direct application to the Department of Education. The attendance of all pupils of schools so closed may be recorded from September 7th to the date of the reopening of the schools.

The Minister states that pupils who are engaged in farm work or work connected with the preparation or preservation of foods and whose services are required in September should be urged to continue in that work. Principals will record the attendance of these pupils as if present during September on the presentation of certificates from the employers which show that they have been engaged in such work during the period of their absence from school. The Minister asks Principals to arrange for special instruction for the pupils who have missed class work and to do their utmost to help them overtake the school work they missed while employed so that they may be able to take satisfactorily the class work with the other pupils as soon as possible.

When the Principals submit their confidential reports on candidates for examination they will send the names of all candidates who were engaged in farm work or work connected with the preparation or preservation of foods during September so that the Special Revising Board or the High School Entrance Boards as the case may be may give special consideration to these pupils when determining the examination results next summer.

Toronto, August 24, 1943.